

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

After the foregoing Amendment, Claims 1, 7, 8, 12-14, 16-18, 20, 21, and 29-49 are currently pending in this application. Claims 1, 14, 29, 33, 36, and 39 have been amended for clarification purposes.

Applicants submit that no new matter has been introduced into the application by these amendments.

Telephonic Interview

The Examiner is thanked for granting a telephonic interview with the Applicants' representative on October 25, 2011. During the interview, Applicants' representative discussed proposed amendments to the claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §103(a)

Claims 1, 7-8, 12-14, 16-17 and 20

Claims 1, 7-8, 12-14, 16-17, 20, 29-35 and 43-47 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Henmi et al (U.S. 7,154,492) (Henmi) in view of Cok et al. (U.S. 7,064,733) (Cok-733).

Applicants have amended the claims in view of the Interview and believe the rejections to be moot. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the claims.

Claim 18

Claim 18 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Henmi in view of Cok-733 and further in view of Cok (U.S. 7,026,697) (Cok-697).

Applicants have amended the claims in view of the Interview and believe the rejections to be moot. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the claims.

Claims 36-38 and 48

Claims 36-38 and 48 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Henmi in view of Cok-733 and further in view of Hunter (U.S. 7,154,492) (Hunter).

Applicants have amended the claims in view of the Interview and believe the rejections to be moot. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the claims.

Claims 39-42 and 49

Claims 39-42 and 49 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Henmi in view of Cok-733 and further in view of further in view of Bawendi et al. (U.S. 6,501,091) (Bawendi).

Applicants have amended the claims in view of the Interview and believe the rejections to be moot. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the claims.

Conclusion

If the Examiner believes that any additional minor formal matters need to be addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance, or that a telephone interview will help to materially advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the Examiner's convenience.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application, including claims 1, 7, 8, 12-14, 16-18, 20, 21, and 29-49, is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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